

FRIGHTFUL EXPLOSION OCCURS AT FAIRMONT

Gas Lets Loose in Tenement House and Seven Persons are Injured, Three of Whom Will Likely Die.

Explosion is Result of Gas Escaping from Rubber Tube and Filling the Room—House is Complete- ly Wrecked and Falls on the Several Victims.

Fairmont, W. Va., June 4.—At 2.30 o'clock this morning a gas explosion occurred in a double tenement house at 829 Virginia avenue and seven people are badly injured and three will die.

The injured are E. M. Wassel, aged 26, burned about the arms and legs. Mrs. Annie Wassel burned over the entire body.

Edward Wassel burned and badly mangled. Charles Wassel burned about legs and face.

Miss Tressie Thomas hands and face. Mrs. W. M. Dent head cut.

Noah Dent cut over eye. Miss Annie Ross burned and bruised about the body.

Mrs. Wassel and two children were fatally injured.

The story as given is that Mr. Wassel and his small son were sleeping together when the servant girl, Miss Thomas, came in and stated that a lamp which was left burning in an adjacent room was acting peculiar.

Mr. Wassel started to investigate when the explosion occurred and he and his son were thrown out of a window to the ground.

Mrs. Dent and two children, Jessie and Frankie, who occupied another part of the house, were thrown also out of a window.

When the explosion occurred the four walls of the house were separated and the roof caved in catching some of the victims beneath it.

The structure took fire and the fire department had to be called out to extinguish the flames.

The gas which filled the room and caused the explosion came from a gum hose which was attached to a hot plate.

The injured were taken to one of the local hospitals to be cared for.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Appointed By the Trades and Labor Council to Make Arrangements For the Celebration of Labor Day Here.

The Trades and Labor Council held its usual weekly meeting Friday night in the Reed Hall at 8 o'clock. The attendance was gratifying, considering the warm weather.

George Kollman, secretary of the Council, was appointed a committee of one to look after funds for the Labor Day celebration and to notify the secretaries of the various locals in Parkersburg, Fairmont and Grafton and other towns of the movement, and also to write to and engage speakers for the occasion. He will make his report at the next meeting of the Council.

INJURED

Seriously Was Walter Shane By Falling From a Wagon Load of Hay.

At three o'clock Saturday afternoon Walter Shane fell off a wagon load of baled hay on North Fourth street, near Baltimore street and was seriously hurt. He landed on his head and two bales of hay fell on him. The fall rendered him unconscious and at first it was thought he had been killed. He revived, however, and was taken to the Kessler hospital. The extent of his injuries have not been ascertained farther than that they are not believed to be serious.

SCHOOL CLOSED.

Prof. Frank White, who has been closing a summer normal school at Shinnston for the past six weeks closed the same Friday and returned to this city today. Prof. White will likely spend the summer in this city.

RENTS SUMMER HOME.

R. T. Lowndes, Jr., has rented Geo. Chorpene's home on the Buckhannon road three miles out of the city, and will move there within the next two weeks to spend the summer.

VERY ILL

Is James Romine, Aged Citizen of Rockford and His Recovery Is Not Expected.

Guy Musser received word Friday night of the serious illness of his grandfather, James Romine, at his home at Rockford, and left Saturday morning for his bedside. Mr. Romine is 85 years of age and has been in failing health some time. Owing to his advanced age, he is not expected to recover from his present illness. He is one of the most widely known and highly respected citizens in that section of the county.

HEAVY FINE

Imposed On Young Boy For Jumping On and Off Trains—Should Serve As a Lesson to Other Youngsters.

A boy by the name of John Marran was arrested this afternoon by a local B. & O. policeman for jumping on and off of trains in the railroad yard. He was brought before Squire John Flinn, who imposed a heavy fine and costs on him, which he paid and was released.

He works for the Hazel-Atlas glass company and claims his home to be in Charleston.

This will probably be a lesson to the boy who attempts stealing rides on the trains.

TRAIN

Kills the Sister of Mrs. Hill, of This City—Accident Occurred in Saint Louis.

Miss Stella Unger, of Matamoras, Ohio, was killed by a train at St. Louis Friday. She was a sister of Mrs. Robert Hill, the wife of the Glen Elk restaurant keeper. The funeral will occur at Matamoras Tuesday and Mr. and Mrs. Hill will attend.

INSTITUTE

For Teachers Will Likely Be Held Here Week Beginning Aug. 22, With Profs. Armstrong and Wilkinson as Instructors

County Superintendent L. W. Ogden has recommended August 22, Clarksburg as the place and Profs. R. A. Armstrong and A. J. Wilkinson as the instructors for the teachers' institute in Harrison county, and he is in receipt of the letter from State Superintendent Thomas C. Miller approving the recommendation.

FLOOD

Conditions Growing Worse in Kansas and Streams Are Higher Than in Twenty Years and Still Rising

Kansas City, June 4.—More rain has fallen in the southern part of Kansas in the past twelve hours and flood conditions in Nesho and Cottonwood rivers are growing worse.

The streams are higher than in 20 years and still rising. It is not expected any great damage will be done here.

MISS BURGESS GOES TO NARRAGANSETT PIER

Miss Burgess, the manicurist, who has enjoyed a successful patronage in her office in the Jacobs building for some time past, will leave next week for Narragansett Pier, R. I., and open up offices there. She will close her business in Clarksburg for the summer season, but will probably return at the end of that time. She extends her sincere thanks for the patronage extended her during her stay here thus far.

HENLINE ACQUITTED

Of the Charge of Sending Obscene Matter Through the Post Office, at Confluence, Lewis County.

B. H. Henline, of Confluence, Lewis county, was taken before United States Commissioner Thomas S. Spates Friday evening by Deputy Marshal Dan R. Jackson, charged with violations of the postal laws. He was given a hearing and the evidence not being sufficient to hold him for the federal grand jury, he was discharged and the warrant dismissed. The nature of the offense was alleged sending of obscene matter through the mails.

SOME ONE

Breaks Into John Frazer's Hen House at Adamston and Steals Valuable Fowls—Clues May Lead to An Arrest.

When James Frazer went to feed his fine flock of chickens yesterday in the hen house in the rear of his residence in Adamston he found that some thief had broken into the place and stole the entire lot. They were very valuable fowls and Mr. Frazer is very much put out over his loss. After an investigation he discovered a clue which he thinks will lead to the arrest of a certain young man in Adamston. Several like thefts have occurred in that vicinity the past two or three weeks.

OFFICERS

For the Ensuing Year By the Knights of the Maccabees at Rousing Meeting Held Friday Night.

A rousing meeting of the Knights of the Maccabees was held in the Knights of Pythias hall, in Glen Elk, Friday evening. Officers for the ensuing year were elected, the initiatory ceremonies performed upon one candidate and considerable lodge business was transacted. The election of officers resulted as follows:

Past Commander, E. F. Goodwin. Commander, Frank H. Rhodes. Lieutenant Commander, W. C. Sullivan.

R. K., E. B. Hardesty. F. K., Carl Drummond. Physician, Dr. J. B. Payne. Chaplain, Charles M. Gaylord. Sergeant, J. A. McDonald. Master at Arms, H. A. Knott. First Master Guard, A. C. Villers. Second Master Guard, C. E. Crimm. Sentinel, Charles L. Wright. Picket, Charles E. Lay. Trustees, E. F. Goodwin, three years. Dr. J. B. Payne, two years; A. W. Engdahl, one year.

The candidate initiated was H. E. Walters and he received the full share of the very interesting ritual of the order. The meeting was one of the best the local tent has ever had. A large number of the members were in attendance and unusual enthusiasm and zeal was displayed. The lodge is in a very flourishing condition and is growing wonderfully.

WITHDRAWAL

Of Troops From Hanging Rock Is Desired By Citizens But Sheriff Opposes It At This Time.

Ironton, O., June 4.—Sheriff Payne opposes the withdrawal of troops from Hanging Rock though the citizens and Colonel Thompson desire it. Payne wishes to hold them until Wednesday or Thursday.

Secretary Bishop of the board of arbitration has given up hope of making a settlement for the present and has returned to Columbus.

KILLED

Are Two Men in a Collision of Freight and Work Trains and Six Are Injured.

Harrodsburg, Ky., By a collision of freight and work trains on the Southern Railway today two men were killed and six injured. The dead are John Scanlan, Engineer of the freight train, and Sam Williams of the work train crew.

COMPANY K DRILLS.

Company K had the usual drill Friday night in their armory in the Patton building on West Pike street. The attendance of the members was usual and the regular drill and other man oeuvres were observed.

Notley Bates was here from Wilsonburg Saturday on business.

MUSIC OUT OF SALOONS

The first regular session of the city council for the month of June was held Friday night with Mayor Shields, Clerk Cole, Councilmen McAndrews, Kearns, Kelley, Anderson, Ernst, Cork, Thorn, Hart, Law and Goff, City Collector and Treasurer Steele, City Attorney Crile, Street Superintendent Doyle and Water Works Commissioner Hugh Callahan present.

Upon motion the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

City Attorney Crile reported that the damage suit of Carrie McVicker had been compromised for \$212.50 and costs. He also reported that the suit of Nancy Floyd against the city, and others had been dismissed as to the city. The reports were approved by the council.

The fire chief's report was read showing stock in good condition, except one Babcock. He reported a fire at John Brown's, on Monticello avenue, with \$1,000 damage and \$600 insurance, and Rev. Watson's house \$25 damage with full insurance; also fire at Home hotel May 21, with loss of \$25. He also recommended the purchase of ladders for the fire wagon. The recommendation was referred to the chairman of the fire committee with power to act.

The ordinance prohibiting musical instruments in saloons was read and it was moved that it be put on its reading.

Councilman Hart moved to amend the ordinance by providing a license on musical instruments, namely, \$50 a year on graphophones and like instruments; \$5 for each band playing in saloons, \$10 for each piano, and \$5 a week for traveling musicians in saloons and on streets.

Councilman Kelley suggested that it was not a proper amendment, and he expressed himself as opposed to music in saloons.

Councilman McAndrews also took that position, and stated that it was the object of the council to correct saloon evils.

The amendment by Mr. Hart received no second. The ordinance then passed its second reading with only Mr. Hart voting against it. Treasurer Steele reported \$1,298 collected for the month and \$17,544.24 expenditures, including \$10,335.19 for last year's work.

The city attorney reported that the city was liable to Dr. Peck for \$339.00 for small pox services and the committee recommended with consent of Dr. Peck that \$169.50 be paid him. The recommendation was adopted and the bill ordered paid.

Drug store license was granted to Wells & Haymaker. The fountain saloon was given permission to erect an awning on Baltimore street.

Permission was given Rose Carr Martin to erect two residences on Maple street.

J. I. Alexander and M. B. Curkendall were given a permit to build a one-story house at 105 East Main street.

W. O. Staeley and others, petition for an 8-inch sewer on Water street was referred to the proper committee.

The petition of Geo. C. Stone and others for an extension of the sidewalk on Carr avenue was referred to the street committee.

The retail liquor license and billiard and pool license of George A. Keeler were transferred to R. J. Gazley.

A bid to paint the water works station was referred to the water committee.

J. R. Hickman was granted permission to erect an awning at his saloon on North Fourth street.

Bills were read as follows: County Mail Book Store \$20.20 Dr. N. Peck 5.00 Telegram Company 50.99 M. J. McAndrew 18.22 Water works pay roll 195.25 Street pay roll 59.70 Oil Well Supply Co. 63.31 W. Va. Heat & Plumb. Co. 1.20 C. Q. Stout 110.00 Crescent Supply Co. 19.03 Hursey Meter Mfg. Co. 246.00 Neptune Water Meter Co. 125.50 Sost & Holden 3.15 D. K. Reed 6.39 Alexander & Alexander 25.00 Clarksburg Gas Co. 8.05 Clarksburg Elec. Light Co. 331.05 James Boyle 277.20 E. R. Davis & Co. 5.95 Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Co. 170.59 D. D. Britt 54.00

The street and finance committees made the following report, which was

accepted and the contract awarded as provided for in the report:

"We the street and finance committees and the city engineer have the following report to make relative to the amount of paving to be done and where.

"We recommend that the paving on Main street be extended to a point about 100 feet east of Chestnut, or to the brow of the hill which makes about 2,236 square yards, from Sixth street to this point.

"On Clark street, from North Fourth to Fifth, and on Fifth from Clark to Baltimore, which makes 2,650 square yards.

"On Pike from the bridge across Elk creek to Tom street, making 2,597 square yards.

"We recommend that this work be paved with brick except to that we now have in use and that the work be awarded to W. B. Virgie & Co., as they being the lowest bidder, as Henry Martin who was the lowest bidder does not wish it at the price he bid.

"The committee and engineer further more recommends that Chestnut street from Pike to Mulberry be paved with Clarksburg brick, the city getting the benefit of the reduction in price of brick.

"The work on said Chestnut street to be done of the finance of the city will justify it and sufficient donation be made by the property holders. The paving on Main, Pike, Clark and Fifth streets after deducting what will be paid back to the city by the electric railroad will cost about \$10,500.00 and Chestnut street using the Clarksburg brick will cost about \$2,750.00 independent of the curb which can be wood.

"We further recommend that the contract be let at once so as to get the work started as soon as possible.

Three bids for stone were submitted. James Boyle offered to furnish 2,000 yards at 93 cents a yard; Dan Limer, 1,000 yards at 95c., and C. Q. Stout 2,000 yards at \$1.00.

MUSICAL RECITAL

Will Be Given by Broadus Students in First Baptist Church at 8.15 O'Clock Tonight.

The second commencement exercise of Broadus Institute will take place at the First Baptist church tonight at 8.15 o'clock and will be a musical recital. The program is as follows:

My Bells Stanislaus James Boyle, John Boyle, Fleming Holden, Isaac Kelley, Forrest White, Charles Thompson Serenade Koelling Bertha Bland

Loste Blatter Koelling Forrest White Tarantelle Binet Marian Flowers

Manoverzert Heins John Boyle Faust Gounod Flora Harvey, Georgia Post, Grace Lightburn, Lulu Smith

La Platteuse Kern Vadora Dean Ele Hochlanderin Lange Fleming Holden

Revelle of an Exile Heckman Bessie Good Persian March De Koski Myrtle West, Eva Goff, Freda Holden, Alta Smith

Con Amore Beaumont James Boyle Massa's In De Cold Ground Kern Pearl Powell

Meditation Morrison Isaac Kelley, Fleming Holden Convent Bells Bollman Clara Stanfield

Cujus Animus (Stabat Mater) Dvorak Mabel Leachman La Seguidilla Holst

Solo, Mabel Shinn; 2d piano, Eva Goff; Tambourine, Alta Smith; Triangle, Grace Lightburn; Casinetto, Flora Harvey.

Scarf Dance Chapariade Isaac Kelley Oberon Weber Maugerite Ford

Impromptu Schubert Grace Lightburn Invitation to the Dance Weber Flora Harvey

March from Suite 1st Lachner Alta Smith, Mabel Leachman, Clara Stanfield, Bess Osborne

BRACK HOOKE ARRESTED.

Brack Hooker was arrested late yesterday evening by a local policeman for throwing stones at the house of Mrs. Lucy J. Freeze in the Haymond Grove. The officer brought him here and put him in the city lock up. Mrs. Freeze this morning swore out a warrant in Squire Gordon's court for his arrest and he was transferred from the lock up to the county jail. He will be given a hearing Monday afternoon.

BRIDGE COLLAPSES UNDER MIXED TRAIN

At Newlon on the West Virginia and Pittsburg Railroad and Engine and Three Cars Go Down Into River.

Engineer Randall Badly Hurt and Baggage Master Jeffries Bruised and Shaken Up—Passengers All Escape Injury. Coaches Remaining on Track.

COUNTY COURT

Will Convene Monday in June Session to Settle With Sheriff and Lay Annual Levy.

County Court will convene in regular June term Monday and is likely to sit a number of days, this being the time of year, when settlement with the sheriff is made and the county levy laid. The usual road and other matters will also be considered by the court.

COURT

Continues to Steady Grind of Its Long Term—Many Indictments Dropped From Docket.

In the case of Ross F. Stout against the Fairmont & Clarksburg Electric Railroad Company, the jury was instructed to view the premises, which it did Friday afternoon.

George M. Alexander of the Marion county bar, qualified at this bar.

Indictments were dropped from the docket against Adrian Lee, Floyd Swiger, William Riblet, Pat Gavon, Joe Benton, B. & O. R. R. Co., Al Brown, Granville H. Davis, Oliver T. Hansford, S. R. Michael, Riby Ables, Lem Jones, Ira Wilcox, R. F. Davis, Harry Schnahr, Wirt Swisher and others; Alberta Hay, May Wilson, Bessie Ward, Maude Daniels, Ethel Bird, Annie Miller, Marie Marshall, Al Jackson, Alice King, James C. Davy, William Green, David Swiger, Emanuel Gray, Jesse G. Harbert, Leslie Harbert, H. A. Harbert, Guy Lester, William Hickman, Cleo Anderson, J. W. Dodge and Charles McVicker.

Decree confirming sale was entered in the cause of Zeppa J. Riggs against Mary L. F. Weekly.

The cause of Henry Shingleton et al, against Charles L. Dignan et al, was docketed.

Decree of sale was entered in the cause of W. W. Jamieson against G. Young et al.

LIBERTY BELL

Seen By Fifteen Thousand Persons on Its Way to World's Fair.

Elmira, N. Y., June 4.—Fifteen thousand persons saw the liberty bell here today on its first stop on the way to the St. Louis Exposition. The train stopped only ten minutes.

A MONTH

Will Have to Be Spent By W. S. Musgrove For Trying to Defraud Hotel Man Out of Board Bill.

W. S. Musgrove is in durance vile at the county jail for trying to jump his board bill and unless he settles it he is likely to suffer the close and stifling atmosphere of that prison for thirty days to come. Musgrove was arrested in Glen Elk Saturday morning by Special Constable Andrew Lyon and taken before Magistrate Gordon to answer the charge of trying to defraud J. F. Vincent, proprietor of Vincent's hotel in Glen Elk, out of \$5.50. This offense is considered a misdemeanor by the laws of the state and the magistrate had to sentence Musgrove accordingly.

ELECTROCUTED

By Falling From Railway Bridge on to Trolley Wires, Which Burned Him to Death.

Hamilton, Ohio, June 4.—Henry Firze, of the Miami & Erie Transportation Co., fell from a railway bridge to lay to trolley wires and was burned to death by the electric currents.

C. W. Farbee, cashier of the Farmers' bank, left Saturday for Shinnston to spend Sunday with his folks.

The mixed freight and passenger train running out of Weston to Pickens partially went into the Buckhannon river at Newlon, beyond Alexander about 8.00 o'clock Saturday morning.

At that point there is a trestle about 40 feet long and 10 feet high. It collapsed as the train was passing over it and the engine and three cars went down.

Engineer Randall was rather seriously, but not fatally, injured, and Freight Baggage Master Jeffries was badly bruised and shaken up.

There was a number of passengers on the train, but fortunately the passenger coach escaped the collapse and remained on the track.

PRIMARY RECITAL

At Broadus College Friday Night By Charming Entertainment Given By Primary Department in the Chapel—Large Attendance.

The commencement exercises of the Broadus Scientific and Classical Institute were opened Friday evening by a recital given by the primary department in the chapel. The recital was a distinct success and the very interesting program was enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience which gathered to hear it.

The recitations by Misses Virginia Thompson, Mary Bryan, Helen Knox, Irene Knox, Agnes Thompson and Chaele McClung were all rendered charmingly and were well received by the audience. The recitations by Masters Rupert Peck, Johnny Wilson, George Lightburn, Charles Hart and Calvert Estill were very good. Very creditable piano solos were executed by Misses Agnes Thompson, Clara Swiger, Ethel McDaniel and Blanche Robbins and their rendition exhibited considerable aptitude as well as studious practice. So much also can be said of the piano solo rendered by Lloyd Williams. The song, "Three Imps," by Willis Peck, Calvert Estill and Lemuel Boughner was well rendered.

After the chorus song "Fiddle-Dee-Dee," the entertainment came to an end with the tableaux "The Thirteen Original States." This was represented by thirteen young misses who were dressed in costumes representing the states and it was very pretty.

The program as arranged was carried out with the exception of the recitations by Miss Louise Boughner who was confined to her home on account of illness.

MUSIC BOXES

Are Being Removed From the Saloons In Obedience to Ordinance Passed By City Council.

Pursuant to the ordinance passed by the City Council Friday night, prohibiting musical instruments and music in the saloons, Chief of Police John Howe notified saloon keepers Saturday morning to take them out of their places of business. Only a few saloons had them and these have obeyed the orders of the chief in the matter and will observe the ordinance.

BABY BOY BORN TO REV. AND MRS. PLUMMER

Rev. James F. Plummer, rector of Christ Episcopal church, is wearing a big broad smile, which when seen can be interpreted only in one way. A bouncing boy baby made its appearance in his family Friday and he is the recipient of many congratulations from the numerous friends of the family. Rev. Plummer was in Martinsburg in attendance at the Episcopal diocesan council meeting when the happy event occurred, but he was summoned home by telegram and he made post haste in returning as soon as he could. The baby is the fifth child of Rev. and Mrs. Plummer.